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TO: ISDH Executive Board

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SUBJECT: Medical Error Reporting Rule - 410 IAC 15, 410 IAC 26, 410 IAC 27

The Indiana State Department of Health (ISDH) Division of Acute Care requests the Executive Board to take final adoption action on the proposed revisions to the Medical Error Reporting Rule. The proposed final rule is attached.

This proposed final rule is an update to the Medical Error Reporting System Rule that was adopted in 2006. The ISDH issued its first report in August 2007. The ISDH reporting system is based on the National Quality Forum's 27 Serious Reportable Events. The ISDH reporting requirements apply to hospitals, ambulatory surgery centers, abortion clinics, and birthing centers. The reporting rules are identical for each of the provider types.

In 2007 the National Quality Forum issued an updated report on their standards. The Forum added a standard regarding artificial insemination and updated several of their existing standards. In the proposed rule, the ISDH has incorporated several of the changes into the rule to include the 28th reportable event which would become effective January 1, 2009.

A Public Hearing was held on August 28, 2008. A summary of public comments and the ISDH response to those comments is included.

Attachments: Copy of proposed rule
Copy of summary of comments